

Cultivating our Culture

An Intro

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T.S. Eliot (in 1934) "The problem of leading a Christian life in a non-Christian society is now very present to us...And as for the Christian who is not conscious of his dilemma – and he is in the majority – he is becoming more & more de-Christianized by all sorts of unconscious pressure: paganism holds all the most valuable advertising space."

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The word culture though comes from the Latin word cultura = agriculture

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Andy Crouch – Christian Author – “Culture is what human beings make of the world.”

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Gen. 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." [27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

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Gen. 1:28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ~~[5] who by God's power are being guarded~~ through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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Where is God cultivating within & around me & how do I join Him?

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C.S. Lewis – The most dangerous ideas in a society are not the ones that are being argued, but the ones that are assumed.

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Col. 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit,

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Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed (passive) to this world, but be transformed (cultivate actively as image bearers) by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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John 17:15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. [16] They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. [17] Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

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- 1)What is truth & why is it important?
 - 2)How is culture affecting us? Anxiety & depression
 - 3)What are specific area where culture is defining a non-reality as reality; freedom, individualism, equality, and rights
 - 4)How is social media affecting us and what is the science behind it and how can we address it?
 - 5)How do we cultivate a deepness with the Trinity?
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